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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Richard J. Kerr
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for Period Ending 7 February 1986

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2. It has long been the law of the land that dependent children of federal employees lose their medical coverage under the federal group health insurance program when they turn age 22. This has been of primary concern to our employees who want to ensure that their children retain adequate protection against unforeseen medical emergencies at a reasonable cost. We are thus very pleased that the Office of Personnel (OP) has successfully concluded negotiations with Mutual of Omaha for a youth conversion policy which will permit such continued coverage for children of employees enrolled in the Agency's health plan. This coverage will apply to those children who turned 22 after 1 January 1984, or who turn 22 in the future. This coverage may be retained until they reach age 27. The conversion policy was a much desired change and the reaction from employees has been extremely positive.

3. One of the many problems new Agency employees encounter when first coming to Washington is locating a place to live. The Family and Employee Liaison Office (FELO) has put on an aggressive campaign to develop housing leads and assist these individuals in finding permanent housing or suitable temporary quarters until a permanent residence can be located. The results of FELO's efforts have been quite good, as evidenced by the past month when 55 new employees who requested assistance were all placed in temporary housing.

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4. OP representatives met on 5 February with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, at his request, to discuss the Agency's minority recruitment efforts. The meeting focused primarily on what programs, if any, the Agency has which could be initiated or expanded in the Detroit, Michigan, area to assist young black people. The Congressman basically is interested in programs to assist high school students who otherwise may not have the incentive to stay in school or the opportunity for educational training beyond the high school level. The Congressman felt that well-managed information sharing programs focused on career opportunities would inspire students to finish high school and continue on to college.

We shared with Congressman Conyers some of our earlier experiences at Ballou High School in the District where parents and a few members strongly objected to our efforts to share the Agency's expertise in the area of computer science with their students. The Congressman suggested that we might still be able to do this kind of thing but use a different approach to lay the ground work. The Congressman was receptive to the idea of trying to donate surplus government property to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He offered assistance in our efforts and will talk with his colleague, Congressman Lewis Stokes, about strategy for advancing the idea. We concluded our formal session with the Congressman with suggestions from him that future meetings are a distinct possibility. We agreed to review our recruitment efforts in the Detroit area and to consider other types of programs.

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7. The Office of Logistics (OL) has been advised that 90-day notice to vacate the premises was given to non-Agency first-floor tenants at the Chamber of Commerce Building on 1 February. The majority of the tenants will vacate on or about 1 May, freeing 5,503 square feet of office space for use by the Office of Training and Education. The remaining 2,000 square feet will be available on or about 6 June.

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12. OIS continues to reduce the backlog of initial requests. This week it is down 26 cases to 1,569. There are 194 requests in administrative appeal and 74 requests in litigation.

13. Mark Russell has accepted the DCI's invitation to speak to Agency employees in the auditorium. Because he is unavailable on the suggested dates, we are negotiating a mutually acceptable date within the next few months.

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